Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—A day may be fixed for its passing.

President.—My ruling is that the motion is in order.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Court of Wards Regulation be taken up and passed at next Saturday's meeting.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—At the next subsequent meeting, i. e., sitting. From Tuesday to Saturday is the meeting. Is Saturday a subsequent meeting?

President.—Every day is a sitting.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—There are two sessions. The legislative session has got three meetings.

President.—Do you want my ruling on that ?

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—I want to know the meaning of the words "session" and "meeting."

President.—A "meeting" may be a continuous sitting for five days or a week. The term may as well be applied to the meeting on a particular day, and you can say also sitting. This is the last sitting of the legislative session. The meeting may comprise any number of days or only the sitting on a particular day.

Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Practically, there is no difference between sitting and meeting.

President.—I should think so. Who seconds it?

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

The question of taking up and passing the Cochin Court of Wards Regulation at the meeting on Saturday, the 27th of Meenam 1102, was put to vote and was carried.

A Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Civil Procedure.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Civil Procedure be read in Council under Standing Order 31. Sir, at this stage I am expected to explain the general nature, nay the principles of the Bill. The nature of the Bill will satisfy you that it requires very little explanation from me. It is practically the same as the Code of Civil Procedure in British India. There is no substantial difference between the British Indian Code and Our Code except in regard to the form. In the British Code you find three divisions—the main sections of the Code, Orders, and then the Rules, unlike what we have in our Code in which only the sections exist. I don't think there is any substantial difference except in regard to a few matters, so that I don't think you will expect me to discuss the general principles of the Bill. No such discussion seems to be necessary. It will be unnecessarily taking up the time of the House.

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Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—I second it.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—A point of information, Sir. Does the Government propose to go to a Select Committee in this matter?

President.—It will be necessary, since it is an important matter. It is not, I think, a true copy of the British Code.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is not. There is some difference.

President.—There might have been decisions of Courts subsequent to the passing of the Civil Procedure Code. Those have to be incorporated here.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—A Select Committee will consider all matters.

President.—Now, this is a Bill which must go before a Select Committee. If there is no further discussion on the subject, I shall put the motion to the vote of the House.

The motion that the Bill to amend the Cochin Civil Procedure Code be read in Council was put to votes and carried.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—The title of the Bill is "A Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Civil Procedure".

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to move that the Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Civil Procedure be referred to a Select Committee composed of Messrs. A. B. Salem, George Chakyamuri, M. K. Raman, V. K. Kochunni Menon, T. K. Krishna Menon and the mover.

President.—Altogether six members including yourself. We don't want a large number.

Mr. T. K. Krishna Menon.—Sir, I beg to second it.

President.—Any Member wishing to speak on this motion? Shall I put it to vote?

The motion that the Bill to amend the Cochin Code of Civil Procedure be referred to a Select Committee composed of Messrs. A. B. Salem, George Chakyamuri, M. K. Raman, V. K. Kochunni Menon, T. K. Krishna Menon and the mover was put to votes and carried.

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President.—I, in my capacity as the President, nominate Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon as the Chairman of the Committee.

Then, a motion has to be made that the Committee be directed to submit its report within a specified period. I remember some Member saying that a special meeting of the Council will be necessary for this Bill, and that otherwise it will interfere with the ordinary business.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—A special meeting will be required.

President.—Only after the report is received, we are to consider whether any special sitting is necessary. What would be the time required for the submission of the report? Can you do it by the end of the year?

Mr. V. K. Kochunni Menon.—There are a number of sections and a number of decisions to be considered. Six months would be quite sufficient.

President.—Should not a motion be made as to when the Committee is to submit its report?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—It is not obligatory.

President.—In all other cases, you have fixed a period. The rule is that the Council shall appoint a Committee, and it may direct that its report shall be submitted within a specified period.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The wording is "may direct". It is only a discretion.

President.—In connection with the Nambudiri Kudumba Bill, we had fixed a period to finish its labours. If the time is not found sufficient, the Committee may apply for more time. So the time for the submission of the report also may be brought in by way of a motion. That is the proper way. Otherwise, how can we know the directions of the Council? Is it not so, Mr. Salem?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I beg to move that the report of the Select Committee be submitted within 6 months from this date.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Sir, I beg to second it.

The motion that the Select Committee shall submit its report within 6 months from date was put to votes and carried.

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